

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: VARIABLE VALVE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR  
INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE AND METHOD  
THEREOF

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 3 of this document, and include an attached replacement drawing sheets.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: